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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	XA-10269
	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) **10/522228**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/009437	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 July 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 25 July 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION
STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:
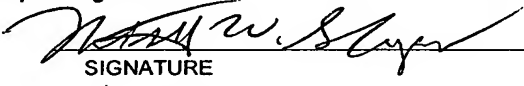
1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.

2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.

3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.

4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).

5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))

     a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

     b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.

     c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

     a. ☒ is attached hereto.

     b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))

     a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

     b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.

     c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.

     d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.

8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).

10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).

12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

14. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.

16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.

17. ☐ A substitute specification.

18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.

20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

21. ☒ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

22. ☐ Express Mail Label No.

23. ☒ Other items or information:

     9 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-9)   <u>**ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:**</u>
     Copy of Form PCT/IB/308   Assignee: NSK Ltd.

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24. The following fees are submitted:

			Applicant use	Office use
☒	a) Basic national fee...	$300.00	$ $300.00	
☒	b) Examination fee..	$200.00	$ $200.00	
☒	c) Search fee..	$500.00	$ $500.00	
	TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	$1000.00	$ $1,000.00	

☐ Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is $250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole	RATE		
- 100 =	/50 =		x $250.00	$ $0.00	

Surcharge of $130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). → $ | |

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	6 - 20 =	0	x $50.00	$ $0.00	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x $200.00	$ $0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable)		☐ +	$360.00	$ $0.00	
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		$ $1,000.00	

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. → $ $0.00 | |

SUBTOTAL = $ $1,000.00 | |

Processing fee of $130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). → $ $0.00 | |

TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = $ $1,000.00 | |

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). $40 per property + $ $40.00 | |

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = $ $1,040.00 | |

	Amount to be refunded:		$	
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a. ☒ A check in the amount of $ $1,040.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____50-1165_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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